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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: SAVA Contributions to DCI Report

1. Mr. Allen's Trip Report: Mr. Allen wrote up a summary report on his Vietnam TDY as a memorandum for the Acting Director. This was transmitted to Secretary McNamara with a memo signed by the Acting Director, with information copies to Under Secretary Katzenbach, Mr. Rostow, Mr. Komer, General Wheeler, General Greene and Mr. Poats. A transmittal note over my signature forwarded additional copies to Ambassador Unger, General Peers, Assistant Secretary McNaughton, Assistant Secretary Enthoven, Mr. Oleksiw and Mr. Stoneman.

2. Rostow Briefing and Action Request: On Wednesday, 28 December, Mr. Allen and I went to Mr. Rostow's office to give him the briefing he had requested on the pacification measurement exercise. This briefing lasted for about one-half hour. At Mr. Rostow's request we remained for an additional hour to participate in a general discussion on Vietnamese political activity. During this session we were joined by Mr. Komer and General Lansdale. Messrs. Rostow and Komer took the firm line that the U. S. Government is not playing a sufficiently active role in current South Vietnamese political life. The latter is now in a state of formative flux and decisions taken by the Vietnamese in the near future will have profound consequences over the months and years ahead. The U.S. must play a more active and influential role in this decision making process. Messrs. Rostow and Komer asked for Agency suggestions on what should be done and identification of ways or techniques through which we can act to further White House policy decisions. This topic has been discussed with Messrs. FitzGerald, Colby, [redacted]

[redacted] I am setting up an appointment to meet with Mr. Rostow for Messrs. FitzGerald, Colby and myself to go into this matter further.

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25X1 3. Briefing: [redacted] formerly on the Board of National Estimates and now with the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, has been named II Corps Director of the Office of Civil Operations. He is coming to CIA Headquarters on 3 January for an initial series of briefings we have arranged in conjunction with FE Division. 25X1

4. Infiltration Figures: At Mr. Rostow's request, we pulled together and transmitted to him on 30 December the most recent available statistics on infiltration. Some new data arrived over New Year's weekend and is being transmitted to the White House on 3 January.

5. Cadre Statistics: Komer's office called to ask the current figures on Vietnamese and Montagnard cadre and projected new cadre requirements for 1967. Mr. Komer intends to use these in a report to the President. After an exchange of cables with Saigon, to be sure that we had the latest available information, a report was sent to Mr. Komer's office on 30 December.

6. Pacification and Viet Cong Studies: Work continues on the thorough study of pacification requested by Deputy Secretary Vance and on the Viet Cong study requested by Secretary McNamara. Both reports should be ready for transmission by 16 January.

7. Wednesday Group: The preliminary list of alternative actions has been drawn up by the Wednesday Group and some of these have been assigned to the Agency for initial review. This topic will be covered in a separate memorandum.

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